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SUBJECT: COLOR TV DUMPING CASE AND QUESTIONS ADDRESSED
TO AMB. MANSFIELD

REF: TOKYO 5629

1. DURING VISIT TO OSAKA TO GIVEN SPEECH ON ECONOMIC
ISSUES, AMBASSADOR MET WITH KANSEI BUSINESSMEN AND RE-
CEIVED MANY QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COLOR TV DUMPING CASE
AGAINST JAPANESE FIRMS. THE AMBASSADOR STATED, "ON
MONDAY I MET WITH MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AFFECTED
BY THIS DECISION AND THEY GAVE ME A VERY DETAILED SET
OF ARGUMENTS AS TO THEIR VIEWPOINTS AND I ASSURED THEM
THAT IF THEY WOULD TRANSLATE THE STATEMENT WHICH THEY
MADE TO ME INTO ENGLISH I WOULD SEE THAT IT REACHED THE
APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN WASHINGTON EXPEDITIOUSLY AND
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WE WOULD GIVE IT EVERY CONSIDERATION AS FAR AS I WAS
CONCERNED. I EXPECT THEIR STATEMENT TO REACH ME SHORTLY
PLUS ANY ADDITIONS THERETO AND I WILL SEE THAT IT REACHES
THOSE CONCERNID IN THE U.S. I WOULD POINT OUT THAT
THIS MATTER HAS BEEN HANGING FIRE SINCE 1968 AND IT IS
SOMETHING WHICH HAS BEEN LYING ON THE TABLE FOR THE
LAST 5 YEARS."

2. PRESS REPORTING HAS GIVEN TOP PLAY TO THE SPEECH ITSELF, AND SECONDARY CONSIDERATION TO THE DISCUSSION OF TV DUMPING. THESE REPORTS STATE THAT JAPANESE TV INDUSTRY OBJECTS TO THE ASSESSMENTS ANNOUNCED BY TREASURY AND WANTS THEM POSTPONED, OBJECTS TO THE UNILATERAL USE OF THE COMMODITY TAX AS A BASIS FOR DETERMINING VALUE, AND IMPLIES THAT TREASURY ACTION IS CONTRARY TO TV OMA AGREEMENT AMICABLY REACHED LAST YEAR. AMBASSADOR IS ALLEGED TO HAVE ANSWERED THAT MANY IN THE U.S. ARE ANXIOUS ABOUT THIS ISSUE WHICH IS TROUBLING JAPAN, THAT HE WILL MAKE EFFORTS TO ANSWER THE JAPANESE REQUESTS, AND URGE THE USG TO RECONSIDER. AMBASSADOR'S ANSWERS WERE IN FACT NEUTRAL AND NOT INTENDED TO EITHER ENCOURAGE OR DISCOURAGE JAPANESE INDUSTRY REPS.

3. FURTHER QUESTIONS ON THIS ISSUE ARE INEVITABLE. REQUEST GUIDANCE ON STATUS OF CASE AND NEW DEVELOPMENTS AS THEY OCCUR. MANSFIELD

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